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Action Needed to Halt KKK War Sabotage

By Sender Garlin

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 9. — Labor and the win-the-war forces in the South seized the initiative this week in a counter-offensive against the conspiracy of "white supremacy" Bourbon reactionaries to cripple war production in this vital coal and steel area.

The leaders in this plot, are Gov. Frank M. Dixon and Horace C. Wilkinson. The latter is the former chief of a political machine who is seeking to regain power through his newly-sponsored "League for White Supremacy."

Highpoints in the week's developments included:

1—A delegation of labor, liberals and Negroes from all major southern cities went to Washington to demand enforcement of President Roosevelt's executive order 8802 barring discrimination against Negroes in war industries and federal action against defeatist elements stirring up racial incitement among the Southern people.

2—The State Negro Baptist conference condemned the Gadsden (Ala.) Chamber of Commerce for forging the names of 12 local Negro leaders to a telegram endorsing Gov. Dixon's open defiance of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee. This action followed the sending of a letter to Attorney General Francis Biddle by the Southern Negro Youth Congress charging that "men in high places," referring to Dixon and Wilkinson, were seeking to "block the win-the-war effort of the United Nations."

3—Gerald H. president of the Alabama Farmers Union, in a letter to Dixon, declared: "We view with alarm the fact that the Governor of our state can set him-

self against Presidential order at a time when the safety of our country is at stake." The farm leader emphasized "the great contribution that is being made to increased production by our Negro people."

4—Warning that unless the present campaign of racial incitement against the Negro population is checked there would be a serious slump in war production, union leaders called attention to the fact that the growing tension brought about by Gov. Dixon's flouting of the FEPC and the activities of the "White Supremacy" agitators is a dangerous threat to the war effort. These leaders declared that they were gathering affidavits on statements and actions by ringleaders of the racial hatred campaign in Birmingham industrial plants aimed to disrupt war production. The plan to submit these to the FBI, the National Labor Relations Board and the National War Labor Board, they said.

THREATEN LABOR LEADERS

During the week, also, two southern labor organizers disclosed that they had received anonymous, threatening letters growing out of their activity in fighting the developing anti-war conspiracy. The two men, Alton Lawrence, Southern Coordinator of District of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, CIO, and Mike Ross, International Representative of the same union, communicated the fact to FEPC authorities at Washington.

The local press has thus far suppressed all mention of these threats, and the Daily Worker has it on good authority that the word has gone down to special writers and columnists of the Birmingham newspapers to soft-pedal discussion of the effects of Horace Wilkinson's Ku Klux speech as well as Gov. Dixon's defiance of the federal government on the issue of Negro dis-

crimination in war work.

Not so silent is the southern labor press. In a front-page editorial the News Digest, organ of the CIO of the South, charges in its current issue that "Jews, Catholics and Labor are Dixon's next victims." The paper makes clear that Dixon's campaign against the Negro people will bring in its wake persecutions of Jews, Catholics and foreign-born workers of the South.

TROUBLE BREWING

"Of course the Big Mules (corporate interests—SG) are more concerned with winning this war within the war than they are waging against our commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt," says the editorial. "They are the same type that sold out France to the Axis. They are the same type that would sell out America to Hitler..."

That the present racial agitation has found support in high places is shown not only in the statement of Gov. Dixon but in the letter sent by Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama to General George C. Marshall, requesting that Negro troops be withdrawn from training places in the South.

This Negro-baiting, which is blocking America's success against its enemies, came shortly after Gov. Dixon's defiance of the national administration in the form of the rejection of a contract to manufacture vitally-needed tent material for army use.

Previously, the "streamlined klan" leader, Wilkinson in his speech before the Kiwanis Club of the in-

dustrial center of Bessemer, Ala., had made an open incitement to violence against the Negro people.

He declared that a large influx of Negro soldiers to the South can be expected and made the claim that armed Negro police—

through intervention of the President of Tuskegee Institute—had been "foisted" on the white business section of Tuskegee, Ala.

Intimating that the white population was preparing for an open clash with Negro soldiers at Tuskegee, Wilkinson said:

"One man in whom I have utmost confidence told me that practically every white citizen in the town was a special officer of some kind."

Wilkinson concluded by saying that "the time to act is now. An organization should be formed so strong, so powerful, so efficient, that this menace to our national

security and our local way of life will rapidly disappear. It can be done. It should be done. Alabama must lead the way."

Southern labor has reacted vigorously against these incitements. Characteristic is a statement of the CIO Steel Workers locals in Ensley and Fairfield which said: "An appeal to racial prejudice is reprehensible at any time, but when made in time of war it is plain treason to our country."

The attitude of the majority of the southern press on the Wilkinson-Dixon blasts is nothing to write home about. However, the Montgomery Advertiser and the Birmingham Age-Herald, while failing to take a sharp stand against the campaign of racial incitement and its resultant injury to the war effort, nevertheless gave support to the enforcement of federal war policies.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

Alabaman For White Supremacy

Would Hurt War Effort to Keep Race Prejudice

BESSEMER, Ala.—New reports of the KKK-supported anti-Negro drive in this war industry center show a determined plot to stir up race hatred and delay national unity behind the administration's win-the-war program.

These reports followed warnings by CIO officials, including Noel Beddow, USA-CIO southern director, and officials of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, that the campaign was planned and already well underway.

Chief clue to the anti-victory plot is found in a speech delivered by Horace Wilkinson, one time political boss, before the local Kiwanis Club, whose members include some of the leading local employers and their agents working war contracts.

'White Supremacy'

The burden of Wilkinson's speech was a long triade to the effect that Negro workers were guilty of "inolent, impudent conduct" and that they could only be put in their place by organizing a "League for White Supremacy" to put and keep them there.

In between the speech was well laded with attacks on the President, on the Fair Employment Practices Committee, on Wendell Willkie for his recent speech to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on the War Department for stationing Negro troops in the South, on the Supreme Court for ruling that Negroes must be put on juries (citing the Scottsboro case) and generally on the government's effort to break down discrimination against Negro workers.

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plans to this area alone, saying: "There is need for a league to maintain white supremacy...The time to act is now. An organization should be formed, so strong, so powerful and so efficient, that this menace to our national security and our local way of life will disappear. Alabama must lead the way."

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KLAN REVERSES HOUSING STAND

Approves Negro Project; Boards To Report On Site Tuesday

The Dade county Ku Klux Klan, which burned fiery crosses when a low-cost negro housing project was proposed recently for LeJeune rd., north of N. W. 20th st., did an about-face Friday.

Dade county Klan 26 and John B. Gordon Klan 24 sent letters indorsing the location to chairmen of the county commission planning board and zoning commission, which met jointly Friday to discuss proposed locations for such a project.

After being bounced around county departments for several months the "hot" question may be settled at next Thursday's meeting, N. P. Lowrey, county commission chairman, said after the executive session of the three boards.

Lowrey said the locations would be studied and announcement made at Tuesday's commission meeting when the zoning director, I. T. Blount, will be authorized to advertise public hearings.

Plan Report To Davis

The county commission consistently has declined to approve a plat for a low-cost housing project on LeJeune rd., north of 20th st., for Floyd Davis, president of the Miami Development Co. Last week they informed Davis he would receive an official vote on the matter Tuesday.

The two clan groups announced "We are of the opinion that this area is properly located for the establishment of such a project, and further find that such a project will, in all probability, take care of the negro housing problem for many years to come — especially since many negroes will have to be moved out of the now highly insanitary downtown negro district as commercial and industrial expansion takes place. At present there is no provision for housing these people without continuing the 'slums' type of overcrowding that has been in evidence here in the past."

Miami, Fla. Herald
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Klan Denies About-Face

Renewing their backing of a proposed negro housing project for LeJeune rd., north of N. W. 20th st., Dade County Ku Klux Klan officials Saturday declared they were not doing an about-face on the proposal to be acted upon by the county commission Thursday.

While the Klan burned fiery crosses in protest to a recent proposal for location of a similar project on N. W. Seventh ave., officials pointed out Saturday that their support of the LeJeune rd. project does not constitute an about-face as reported Friday.

Dade County Klan 26 and John B. Gordon Klan 24 have indorsed the LeJeune rd. project to the county commission, planning board and zoning commission.

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On The Washington Spot

By EDGAR G. BROWN

Pittsburg Courier
Pittsburg, Penn.

KU KLUX KLAN BACK OF HOUSING TROUBLE

Congressman Martin Dies (Dem., Texas) recently stated publicly that the investigation of his "Red" hunting committee has caught up on its arduous and patriotic duties sufficiently of late to definitely go into the spirited revival of the third Ku Klux Klan. The Southern salon is requesting, and will no doubt, be voted by Congress, another \$100,000 for his committee over the protest of the embattled Laborites. One of the most startling facts recently uncovered by the Congressional investigators reveals Detroit, Michigan, city of the Sojourner Truth homes, with the biggest increase in K.K.K. membership of all the 48 States in the Union. It is pointed out that most of them are automobile workers and other defense workers, some of reported Polish ancestry.

These are the same once hated foreigners, themselves, only one generation removed from the oppression of the old country...now, of course, under the Nazis' heel and the Gestapo. By adoption they wish to claim their competence to share the preference of Nordic natives in the good things of constitutional democracy. The news reports state two or three Catholic priests also have joined the so-called 100 per cent Protestant Americans and have been up in arms against occupancy of Sojourner Truth homes in Detroit.

IMPERIAL WIZARD CONFIDENCES CATHOLIC

A very influential Catholic Congressman sat in on the Dies committee hearing. Imperial Wizard James A. Colescott, of Atlanta, Ga., testified here two weeks ago before the House Committee Investigating Un-American Activities. When asked his opinion later he refused to make a public statement. Privately, he intimated it looked like the Klan was smarter than in the past. They had taken cognizance of the numerical strength of Catholics with 20,000,000 according to the U.S. religious census. He did not think the KKK was especially after those of his faith. This Congressman advised caution, as the better part of valor against these bigots. An open attack was likely to give them oodles of front page publicity to insure to their benefit in the present national membership drive. He pointed out they seemed to thrive on opposition. The Imperial Wizard's sales talk impressed this solon greatly, too. He was especially struck with the specious, but subtle, argument that though emphasis was put on the fact that Catholics were strictly barred from membership in the Klan, it was argued by the Wizard that a KKK or a white Protestant could not join the Knights of Columbus because of their faith and beliefs. "Sauce for the goose was also good for the gander," Mister Colescott chirped. He did not explain the reason for the klan's continued secrecy as to its membership roster, even if it has discarded the usual "nighties" for daylight parades and midnight forages. The Northern Democratic gentleman seemed reconciled to the illogic of this bit of rationalization.

Now this man said that Klan wasn't against the Jews. Yes, it was uncompromisingly and eternally dedicated to the same well-known task. The demand today was equally imperative, he said, to preserve the benefits of Nordic ascendancy so well begun but unfinished during Reconstruction days. This proposition stated the Imperial Wizard of the KKK was something, the klan stood upon pub-

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lically, privately and unequivocally.

Shall we ask Mr. Dies' committee to investigate such un-American activities and go after the klan? He has the records and the files, why not? He also has a highly-paid Negro investigator on the staff of the House committee.

Will a march against Negroes voting and holding office in the North be the klan's rallying cry when the boys come back this time?

This question does not seem any more premature and imaginative to a present-day observer than the recent cockeyed Detroit scene would appear to a visitor from Mars. Here were Negroes and whites picketing upon successive days, the City hall of Detroit, Northern capital of the KKK, carrying banners pressing their claims for occupancy of the Sojourner Truth homes, named in honor of a Negro woman, and erected by funds of the U.S. Government.

It is happening here, up North, amid the sacred precincts of the once proud descendants of President Lincoln's Yankees, who boasted of their valor and defense of the Union against President "Jeff" Davis' rebels.

Argus

St. Louis, Missouri

Declares Klan Is Endangering U.S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The House Committee on Accounts was asked to take "into account the curious relationship" between the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities and the Ku Klux Klan Saturday by Representative Eliot of Massachusetts. Mr. Eliot insinuated that a probe of the Klan by the Dies committee might result in "a whitewash."

"On Jan. 26, 1942," he wrote Representative Cochran of Missouri, chairman of the Committee on Accounts, "the chairman of the Dies committee announced that his committee would investigate the Klan. This news pleased many of us who feel that the Ku Klux Klan preaching racial hatred and religious bigotry, is very decidedly un-American."

Now, however, it appears that the whole idea of such an investigation was suggested by the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan (James J. Colescott). He appeared voluntarily before the Dies committee on Jan. 26. Within a few hours two things happened:

"Mr. Dies announced an impending 'investigation' of the Klan."

"The Imperial Wizard displeased many of us who feel that the Ku Klux Klan, preaching patched a message to all the

Klux Klan, whereby the Klan would support the committee's appeal for continued operation and additional federal funds.

Eliot, in a letter to Rep. John J. Cochrane (Dem. Mo.), chairman of the house committee on accounts, directed attention to what he terms the "curious relationship" between Dies group and the Klan. The house committee is now considering how much money shall be allocated to the Dies committee for the coming year.

Eliot questioned the close proximity of the Klan's endorsement of extending the Dies committee, and Dies' announcement of an impending investigation of the group.

"Was this just a coincidence?" he asked, "or was it agreed between the chairman of the Dies committee and the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan that the promised 'investigation' would really whitewash the Klan?"

"The Ku Klux Klan is a dangerous un-American organization."

King Dies ordering them to support the resolution extending the life of the Dies committee.

"The Klan is a dangerous organization. It should be investigated and exposed. But we should not appropriate a penny to any committee which intends to investigate the Klan only for the purpose of whitewashing it."

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Contend Dies Would Silence Probe of Klan

Massachusetts
Congressman
Makes Charge

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(A. N. P.)—Rep. Thomas H. Eliot (Dem. Mass.), hinted here that there is some connection between the Dies committee investigating un-American activities and the Ku

The Klan Rides!

By RUTH TAYLOR

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We are waging two wars today. One is the war of men and machines which is being fought all over the world. To this war we send our best. To the winning of this war we have dedicated ourselves as a nation and as individuals. But there is another war waging at the same time. Its battlefield is here and now. Here is no war of men and machines — but a war of poison gas, of treachery, of sniping from behind — a stealthy guerilla warfare that descends from the shadows and flees before the light, leaving havoc and desolation in its wake. It is a gigantic Klan attack upon the minds of our people.

This is the war in which we all are soldiers. This is the war we must all fight. Just as our boys are in training to learn how to fight the enemy, so we must learn how to fight this insidious attack upon us. We must learn to recognize the enemy propaganda for what it is — a deliberate attempt to destroy from within — to divide and conquer.

The attack is coming in various ways — but the first and foremost is an attempt to divide our people, to sap faith, and in sapping faith to destroy courage. The enemy tries many different methods but whatever creates hate or division among the class, racial and religious groups that make up the UNITED States is enemy propaganda — and it is another Klan lie!

It will come cloaked in a disguise, of course—the purveyors of hatred delight in the masquerade, be it black shirts, brown shirts, or flowing robes of white. But it will be an appeal to hatred of others, a generalization about groups, an attempt to stir up resentments, to emphasize the flaws of our Democracy, in order to conceal the fact that these same flaws are a bottomless abyss in the totalitarian empires.

At the present moment an attack is being made upon the minds and emotions of the Americans of Negro blood. It will fail, I know. I have talked with too many Negroes in the past months not to be absolutely confident of your loyalty and steadfastness. But you must do more than defeat its purpose — you can and must tear the mask from these Klan raiders of the mind. You are in the van of the attack—yours can be the glory of its defeat!

Chicago Bee

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Has the Klan Changed Its Tune?

SIR: With its January issue of The Fiery Cross, the Ku Klux Klan follows Gerald B. Winrod, publisher of The Defender, and other anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-Roosevelt organizations onto the unity bandwagon.

Each carries the American flag in prominent display. The Defender has it in red, white and blue on its cover. The Fiery Cross has it in simple red in the upper-right-hand corner of its masthead. Inside are articles calling for unity of the American people regardless of race, color or creed.

In The Defender is an article on page 13 entitled: "United We Stand." In its second paragraph, the four freedoms have become "free men, free enterprise, free institutions and free government." No mention is made of freedom of speech, assembly, press or religion. Thus by a little distortion here, the editor of The Defender makes himself out a superpatriot without being too obviously inconsistent despite his continued appeal throughout the remainder of his magazine for a nation free of Jews, Catholics, Moslems, Mormons and any other group that doesn't see eye to eye with Gerald B. Winrod.

In The Fiery Cross, almost every article has a paragraph pointing out that the Klan has always stood for America and the fundamental principles on which it was founded. It cries for unity but the sniping at Jews continues.

In one piece, it says: "Every man of every nationality, creed, color, race or opinion must toe the mark and win the war."

You read further: "In Liberty Magazine for January 3, 1942, Professor Francis E. McMahon, of the University of Notre Dame, has a great deal to say about the Jews in America and refers to some of them as 'black sheep.' We are sorry to see such an eminent man as the Notre Dame professor raise this issue at this time when Americans must be united to win the war."

It almost looks as if the Klan is defending the Jews. But if you read the original article by Professor McMahon of Notre Dame, you know that here is an example of how the KKK is still sniping at the Jews. It hasn't changed its tune. For The Fiery Cross's treatment was a deliberate perversion of the article, a removal of quotes out of the context. Professor McMahon wrote in defense of and not against the Jews when he said some were "black sheep"; he wrote that as in all other groups, "black sheep" can be found among them.

The Klan and Winrod are practically saying in their call for unity: "Jews and Catholics and Protestants unite with Winrod and the Klan to defend America and attack the Jews and Catholics."

Miami Beach, Fla.

JACK WINSTON

Nation

New York, N. Y.

MARTIN DIES, WHO WANTS CONGRESS TO give him enough money to start another great witch-hunt, has done nothing in recent months to deserve one cent of public funds. During the past two weeks his committee has heard testimony from James Arnold Cole-scott of the Ku Klux Klan and other assorted fascists, but in general the old pattern of harassing ten liberals for every pro-Nazi he timidly investigates has been faithfully followed. His most ambitious project has been to keep Joseph P. Lash, Malcolm Cowley, and Goodwin Watson out of government jobs on the grounds that each was at one time or another associated with organizations that were part of the Communist transmission belt. In the case of Messrs. Cowley and Lash, Dies seems to have failed, but his attack on Goodwin Watson has resulted in a dangerous Congressional precedent. The bill which grants a new appropriation for the Federal Communica-tions Commission carries a rider, written in by Joe Starnes of the Dies committee, forbidding any part of the money to be spent on a salary for Goodwin Watson. This may well be a usurpation of administrative func-tion by Congress and as such unconstitutional. We hope that it is immediately tested in the courts. If it should go unchallenged, however, we hope that a rider will be at-tached to the Dies committee appropriations forbidding any part of the money to be spent on or by Martin Dies— or Joe Starnes.

Telegraph

Macon, Georgia

Ku Klux Klan

Interests Dies

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Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

Klan Revival

Is Nationwide

Dies Asks \$100,000

Fund to Squelch Creed And Color Terror Bund

(Special to The Star-News)
WASHINGTON, D. C. — Chair-man Martin Dies of the commit-tee investigating subversive activ-ities this week, promised to rip the sheets of the Ku Klux Klan when he announced that his group planned a thorough probe of the white-hooded organization in every State where the klansmen have a foothold. Mr. Dies made the flat statement

as he emerged from a closed ses-sion here where he had heard testimony from J. A. Colescott, of Atlanta, described by Chairman Dies as Imperial Wizard of the Klan. Colescott has appeared voluntarily, Mr. Dies said, and was reported to have presented im-portant records and promised full cooperation in the inquiry.

For the past 10 years, the Col-ored press and other organizations, including the N. A. A. C. P., have urged Mr. Dies to include the Klan in his list of un-American or-ganizations to be investigated. Until now he has skirted the issue. Other organizations he had been asked to investigate are the Chris-tian Front, the Black Legion and others well known for their race and religious hate programs.

Colored people, Catholics and Jews have suffered the brunt of the Klan's campaign of terrorism and persecution, with the Colored folk suffering the most, especially throughout the South where the Klan, dating back to the Recon-struction Period, has wormed its way into high city, State and Fed-eral Governmental places.

According to latest reports the Klan is active in 39 of the 48 States, its national headquarters being in Atlanta. In California, it is said, the organization is operating with the Silver Shirts. While the Klan in the South gets

the widest publicity, it is an un-disputable fact that the organiza-tion is firmly entrenched in Colo-rado, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Invasion of the Klan into Northern terri-tory during the past few years is said to be responsible for the wave of discrimination and prejudice against Colored people and the growth of anti-Semitism.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dies Promises
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Black Dispatch

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Investigating the Klan in the Dark

Congressman Martin Dies' assertion that he will in-vestigate the Ku Klux Klan will fall on deaf ears among those who observe that he is making the probe be-hind closed doors. What is there about members of the Invisible Empire that should cause this grant of secrecy regarding their activities?

With all of the publicity that has been given to other individuals and organizations by the Dies Committee, and in many instances the demand that employees of the gov-ernment resign, one wonders why Chairman Dies would allow J. A. Colescott, Imperial Wizard of the Klan, to appear in private and present records regarding the In-visible Empire. Why should we have a "Star Chamber" conference while investigating the Ku Klux?

As we have pointed out before in these columns, the Klan comes nearest an attempt at Fascist practice here in America than any other organization. America is a gov-ernment of laws resulting from the foresight, poise and wonderful vision of the forefathers. But the Klan seeks to substitute its whims and caprice for the considered judgment of those who wrote our charter of freedom. It would set aside our courts of law and try men in the spirit of the mob.

Congressman Dies should recognize in the nefarious practices and acts of the Klan the entry of Hitlerism into our social order, and instead of secrecy there should be open hearings when persecuted citizens could come and unburden themselves. There can be no peace, tranquility or happiness in an atmosphere in which the Invisible Em-pire exists.

Klan philosophy is unquestionably subversive in demo-cratic process, for its rule and ritual both provide means by which the few can control the many. Democracy means the rule of the whole people. Democracy envisions a social order where the influence of all people is visited upon, and permeates every crevice of supervision and con-trol.

Nation

New York, N. Y.

AN EDITORIAL in the April 10 issue of the Charles-ton, South Carolina, *News-Courier*, praised *The Na-tion's* position in the recent debate over Indian freedom and expressed particular satisfaction with our indorsement of the British proposal to allow dissatisfied provinces to leave the dominion. At long last, the newspaper claimed, *The Nation*, founded by Abolitionists, had vindicated the Confederacy and the Ordinance of Secession.

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TWO NEGROES are on the Atlanta jury that will judge Hiram Wesley Logan, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, who has been indicted for swindling the state on a construction project.

Democracy believes in government in the open, the Klan promote terrorism under a blanket. In fact, the Klan is representative of the aristocracy of cowardice. It is the difference between freedom and liberty in the daylight and barbaric practices in the dark.

How could anyone remembering the birth of the Klan and its early history in driving Negroes from the polling places in the South, immediately following the period when President Hayes withdrew federal troops from Dixie? How can Congressman Dies, if he seeks to perpetuate democracy, incline his ear to the Klan when it asks to be investigated in secret?

Up to 1936, according to the Negro Year Book, there were 4,672 citizens lynched in the United States. In those figures we find the order of the Ku Klux Klan florescent. A tree is known by the fruit it bears. In every community where the Klan has operated unmolested it has meant the breaking down of the democratic process and the destruction of law and order. The fruit of the Klan is murder, tyranny, terrorism and chaos.

If Congressman Dies wants to know the history of the Klan he can get it from this writer. It is to be found vividly and graphically told in a cartoon, preserved in an old scrapbook by this writer's father, and was taken from the Cincinnati Commercial, a daily paper published October 13, 1879. The central figure in the cartoon before me is a skeleton, clothed in the uniform of confederacy, holding a musket, placarded K. K. K. The skeleton is standing on an inscription "Freedom at the Polls," while above the head are other inscriptions, "Brute might makes right" and "Shoot suffrage to death."

Dead men lie all around and other utterly unconscionable inscriptions noted follow: "Is government of the people, for the people and by the people to be shot to death?" "We the Solid South Shot Gun Mob, will vote, will count, will rule the majority of this so-called union."

Over several prostrate bodies are the inscriptions which show what the Klan has done to American ideals and the objectives of the forefathers. They read: "1775 to 1776 Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"; "1779 to 1780—Death to Liberty."

Intolerance and tyranny will not reach American shores on ships alone, it will come through thin ether, it will be bred in the very atmosphere we breathe. Fascism may come in black shirts, brown shirts or bed sheets, but when it arrives Americans should be alert, aware and concerned.

When in our day we see the Klan picnicking with German Bunds up in New Jersey, the Klan chief in Indiana committing murder, or when, as in Oklahoma we find this "yellow streak" in our social order attempting to destroy civil rights, we should recognize it as an evil influence that should be blotted out.

The White Primary in Texas is the fruit of disfranchisement and we wonder whether or not Congressman Dies, who holds office through grace of the white primary, is afraid to examine the Klan in the open for fear America may at last discover his feet of clay?

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

400,000 Auto Workers In War Against Klan

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(S N S)—Led by CIO President Philip Murray and international and local officials of the Union, 400,000 Negro and white members of the United Auto Workers (CIO), the majority of whom work in this area, have declared an all out war on the Ku Klux Klan.

The opening gun in this war which promises to be a fight to the finish to drive the Klan out of the ranks of organized labor, was fired last week by Local 110 of the UAW, whose 17,000 members work in the Packard motor plant here.

An indication of the Union's determination to rid itself completely of disruptive influences of the Klan is seen in an editorial entitled "No Appeasement," which appears in the February 15 issue

of "The United Automobile Worker," official organ of the Union. The editorial says in part:

"The CIO has no intention of permitting the Klan to dominate. Any who continue to seek to appease the KKK do so only at the expense of CIO principles. Sooner or later they must choose: Either the CIO or the KKK."

Fully two-thirds of the sixteen-page tabloid size paper is devoted to editorials, news stories, cartoons, and pictures giving the most complete expose of the Klan ever launched by organized labor.

The Klan, according to the Union paper, is "liberally supplied with funds from unknown sources and has been concentrating on a number of plants in Detroit, notably Packard, Briggs, Dodge Truck, Chrysler and Ford."

HINTS PROBE OF KLAN MAY BE A 'WHITEWASH'

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 26—A "curious relationship" exists between the Ku Klux Klan and the Dies committee on un-American activities, Representative Eliot, (Dem., Mass.) told the House Committee on Accounts, Saturday.

Mr. Eliot, bitter opponent of continuing the committee recently given a rebirth by the House, said in a letter to Chairman Cochran of the accounts committee that it appeared in an announcement by Representative Dies, Democrat of Texas, that the Ku Klux Klan would be investigated was "suggested by the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan itself."

TWO THINGS HAPPEN

The New Englander said the Imperial Wizard appeared voluntarily before the Dies Committee on January 26, and that within a few hours two things happened: "Mr. Dies announced an impending 'investigation' of the Klan, and the Imperial Wizard dispatched a message to all the 'King Kleagles' ordering them to support the resolution extending the life of the Dies Committee."

"Was this just a coincidence?" asked Mr. Eliot. "Or was it agreed between the chairman of the Dies Committee and the Imperial Wizard of the Klan that the promised investigation would just whitewash the Klan?"

"The Ku Klux Klan is a dangerous un-American activity. It should be investigated and exposed," continued Mr. Eliot. "But we should not appropriate one penny to any committee which intends to investigate the Klan only for the purpose of whitewashing it."

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New York Times
New York, N. Y.

AGAIN ATTACKS

DIES ON THE KLAN

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Representative Eliot Insinuates
a Relationship Between the
Committee and Group

WANTED FUNDS STOPPED

Now Intimates 'Wizard' Sug-
gested Inquiry and Asks if
'Whitewash' Was Planned

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

WASHINGTON, March 21—Rep-
resentative Eliot of Massachusetts
wrote today to the House Commit-
tee on Accounts, requesting it to
take "into account the curious re-
lationship" between the Dies Com-
mittee on un-American Activities
and the Ku Klux Klan.Mr. Eliot, a leader of the abortive
fight against continuance of the
Dies committee, insinuated that
an investigation of the Klan by
the Dies body might result in "a
whitewash.""On Jan. 26, 1942," he wrote
Representative Cochran of Mis-
souri, chairman of the Committee
on Accounts, "the chairman of the
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committee would investigate the
Klan. This news pleased many of
us who feel that the Ku Klux Klan,
preaching racial hatred and relig-
ious bigotry, is very decidedly un-
American.""Now, however, it appears that
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Dies committee agents have
taken charge of Ku Klux Klan
records in many parts of the
country and these records are
under study.Chicago Tribune
Chicago, IllinoisJURORS HEAR IDYL
OF FORMER KLAN
WIZARD'S 'FORT'Merely a Breeze Cooled
Retreat, They're Told.

BY JOHN THOMPSON

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Atlanta, Ga., May 7.—Now it is of-
ficial. No longer does every south-
erner insist on calling the fracas of
1861-'65 the "war between the states."Today, in the austerity of Fulton
county's Superior courtroom, a tall,
gangling member of the Georgia bar
—who, oddly enough, resembles Abra-
ham Lincoln—referred solemnly to
"the Civil war" while presenting an
opening argument in defense of Dr.
Hiram W. Evans.Evans, former imperial wizard of
the Ku Klux Klan, is on trial for al-
legedly conspiring with E. D. Rivers,
Georgia's former "little New Deal"
governor, and other state officials to
defraud the state thru the sale of
asphalt from companies owned or
controlled by Evans.

Ridicules "Fort" Charges.

Defense Attorney H. A. Allen was
poking fun at the state's contention
that Evans, Rivers, and other high
state officials arranged their secret
deals in an island "fort" protected
by a high fence, electrically charged
wires, and numerous locked doors."I hope," said the lawyer, "that
when the heat of summer begins, the
court may transfer the trial to this
'fort' which is cool in hot weather.""It is in the southern part of the
county, off one of the new sand-
asphalt roads. It was an old water
mill—built, I am told, just before the
Civil war. There is a little dam with
a flume by the old water wheel with
a tiny cabin once used by the miller."

Land Sold at Auction.

"It had become a sort of picnic

ground. There is a pretty spring and
a hillside. Two years ago 53 acres of
this hillside land was sold on the
courthouse steps at public outcry in
broad daylight for \$2,000 and later
was bought from the purchaser by
Dr. Evans."Dr. Evans built another dam,
making a little lake. He built a four
room clubhouse for his family and
friends as a week-end cottage. For
privacy he put up a gate. And when
the breezes come down from the hills
over the water, it's mighty cool in
summer."At the time Lawyer Allen was de-
scribing this idyllic lake retreat, the
temperature in Judge V. B. Moore's
courtroom had mounted uncomfort-
ably high. The jurors seemed im-
pressed.

5 Million Dollars Involved.

Dr. Evans was pictured by Special
Prosecutor James W. Branch as hav-
ing "notorious" connections with the
Rivers administration; of taking di-
rect profits, bonuses, and commis-
sions from the sale of more than \$5-
000,000 in sand-asphalt thru com-
panies owned by his family or which
he represented.Evans also was accused of conniv-
ing with other asphalt companies to
arrange for specified ones to be alter-
nate low bidders, with commissions
on their profits going into the Evans
till.Lawyer Allen ridiculed these con-
tentions. The evidence, he declared,
will show no conspiracy; that the
asphalt business went to one and all
alike, whether Dr. Evans was the
agent; and always to the lowest bid-
der, according to law.

Other Plants Erected.

The defense attorney also said that
W. Lint Miller, who temporarily was
removed from office as head of the
highway department by Gov. Rivers
and the state militia, installed a large
asphalt plant in his home county and
another in the county of a fellow
highway commissioner. It is the
state's contention that the bulk of
the Evans deals were made while
Miller was out of office.As today's hearing adjourned, Pros-
ecutor Branch was examining Mrs.
Mary S. Vines, who was Evans' secre-
tary in the Knights of the Ku Klux
Klan, and later in his various asphalt
companies.

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GENERAL

ARGUS

St. Louis, Missouri

THE KLAN AND THE LABOR UNIONS

Taking advantage of the present war situation, the un-American organization known as the Ku Klux Klan, is enlarging its border and is making a strong bid to control the labor unions of this country. This fact is borne out in a recent article appearing in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch which gave concerted evidence of the working of the Klan in the auto industry in and around Detroit, Michigan.

Some of the workings of the Klan as was indicated in the expose article include an effort to hoodwink the Catholics through Father Coughlin, well known radio priest of Royal Oaks Michigan, and would make it appear that the supreme duty of the so-called "American" is to rout Communism from the labor unions.

Close observers, however, have noticed that the motive of the Klan in trying to woo the Catholics is to gain more power with which it hopes to crush the Jews and the Negroes. For instance, the Klan accuses the Communists of being made up principally of Jews. It also claims that the Communists preach racial equality. Therefore, it is their scheme to get control of the unions under the pretext of protecting the American workers from Communistic influence.

We do not think that the American people will be beguiled in times like these with a concoction of racial prejudices, race hating, race bating and religious intolerance from an organization of bigots who are operating under a cloak of one hundred per cent Americanism. Surely the people have not forgotten the record of the Klan whose path is strewn with every deed in the catalog of crime from peace disturbance to murder in the first degree. It is a well known fact that the leaders of this hooded organization condone and protect these crimes.

An investigation of lynching in this country will show that the hand of the Klan may be seen as an important factor in this form of lawlessness. Just recently at Detroit, Michigan where a race riot took place over the moving of colored people into a Federal housing project, which had been constructed for Negroes, the Klan was the leader in that riot. It is the Ku Klux Klan that is boring from within the labor organizations in Detroit. This is especially true in the CIO, it being understood of course, that the reason for the Klan's activity in the CIO is because of the general belief that the CIO is friendly toward the Negro workers and the members of the hooded order are determined to get Negroes out of that particular labor organization, **MAR 27 1942** limit their numbers.

We cite these things with the hope of and in an effort to awaken the American white man. We talk about the fifth columns and the sixth columns which are hindering the progress of our armed forces. Here and now we make this charge that the Ku Klux Klan is the arch enemy of unity in this country; that its every act is sowing seeds of dissension between races, groups and religious faiths among the American people. The odor from the Klans foul deeds has long ago reached the heavens and its claim of Americanism is the biggest farce and

the greatest act of deception ever perpetrated upon American people. Wake up, America! Wake up! If Adolph Hitler were the devil he would be tickled to death over the preachments of the Ku Klux Klan when it claims to be a friend of the Catholics for no greater piece of hypocrisy could have been offered to people who claim just average intellect.

Finally, we would suggest that the Federal Bureau of Investigation get busy and see what can be done for those who every deed tends to disintegrate the American people and there by contribute to the failure of our armed forces who are protecting this democracy.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Klan Headquarters Used By Negroes!

A Red Cross class for colored women servants who work on the north side is being held in a large room on the third floor of the Ku Klux Klan's national headquarters in Buckhead, it was revealed Friday.

The class, it was understood, was just organized by Mrs. J. Carlyle Martin, volunteer chairman of Home Nursing for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross. Pressed for quarters in which to hold their semi-weekly instruction classes, officials are said to have appealed to James A. Colescott, imperial wizard of the Klan, Colescott agreed.

The first class was held at the imperial palace Thursday night. Members went through the corridors decorated with Klan flags and pictures of torchlight parades. They passed the Klavern of Sorrow, where the names of the Klan's dead are memorialized and by numerous ornaments and Klan regalia.

But officials reported the class a great success. They said it shows that the people are all out for defense.

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Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Ex-Klan Chief, Wife Are Cited For Contempt

Ordered To
Appear In
Court At Once

Dr. Hiram W. Evans, former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and his wife were cited Friday for contempt of Fulton Superior Court as the climax of two days of court action in the state graft investigation. **MAR 28 1942**

An order by Judge Edgar E. Pomeroy directed the Evanses to appear "at once," but attorneys protected. The two-day hearing against Dr. Evans' former secretary, Mrs. R. S. Vines, continued. A new citation charges the Evanses, instead of Mrs. Vines, with removing records of five asphalt companies from Dr. Evans' office on February 27. Mrs. Evans said Thursday that she removed the records in three suitcases because she thought they might incriminate her or her husband.

The hearing had a flurry of excitement Friday when the Evanses were served with the citation.

Dr. Evans, former Governor E. D. Rivers and others who were close to the Rivers administration are scheduled for trial in Fulton Superior Court April 6 and 13 on charges of defrauding the state out of huge sums of money in the purchase of asphalt for road building purposes. A special court hearing on all preliminaries incident to the actual jury trials that had been set for next Monday was postponed until Thursday.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Mrs. Hiram W. Evans Hid Records to Shield Herself and Husband

ATLANTA, [AP]—The wife of the former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan told superior court

Thursday that she removed records of five companies in which her husband is interested from his office because they might "incriminate me or my husband."

Mrs. Hiram W. Evans declined to answer a query whether Evans assisted her. Evans also refused to answer several questions concerning the records.

The Evanses testified at a contempt of court hearing for Mrs. M. F. Vines, former secretary to Evans, charged with permitting removal of records sought by the state in an investigation of state purchases during the administration of E. D. Rivers.

Evans and Rivers, with several others, are under indictment on charges of conspiracy to defraud the state in the purchase of highway materials.

Evans contended that the subpoenas for the records were improperly drawn and declared the records would be produced when a proper order for them was shown. Superior Judge E. E. Pomeroy recessed the hearing until Friday morning.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
March 27, 1942

Negro Red Cross Class Held At Imperial Palace of Klan

Wizard Colescott Gladly Opens Doors
To Erie Corridors in Interest of Defense

Everybody's "all out" for civilian defense these days.

Take, for instance, the class just organized by Mrs. J. Carlyle Martin, volunteer chairman of Home Nursing for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The class is composed of a dozen or more Negro women servants who work on the north side.

Pressed for quarters in which to hold their semiweekly instruction classes, Red Cross officials appealed to James A. Colescott, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

Certainly, agreed Mr. Colescott, they could use a large room on the third floor of the Ku Klux Klan's national headquarters in Buckhead.

Thursday night the class gathered for instructions at the imperial palace.

Members trooped through the eerie corridors decorated with

GEORGIA
Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Dan Eidson Is Paroled

ATLANTA, [AP]—Governor Eugene Talmadge granted a parole Tuesday to Dan Eidson, convicted of assault and battery as one of a group of East Point men prosecuted on flogging charges.

Eidson was sentenced in May, 1940, to pay a \$1,000 fine, serve 12 months in a prison camp and six months in jail. With time off for good behavior, he has completed his prison camp sentence and Talmadge said the parole was for the remaining six months jail term.

"It is demoralizing for a man to have to sit around a jail and do nothing," the governor declared. He said he acted on the recommendation of the prison and parole board.

The governor declared Eidson must make monthly reports to the Fulton county probation officer.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

One-Time Klan PARDONS GRANTED Leader to Go On Trial Today

ATLANTA, [AP]—Trial of Hiram W. Evans, Atlanta asphalt dealer and former imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, on a charge of conspiring to defraud the state in the sale of sand asphalt to the Georgia highway department was set for Tuesday in Fulton superior court Monday.

One of twenty-one private citizens and former state officials named in indictments returned by the Fulton county grand jury after an investigation of state affairs during the administration of former Governor E. D. Rivers, Evans was the first called to trial by Solicitor General John A. Boykin.

Judge Virlyn B. Moore overruled a demurrer seeking to quash the sand asphalt indictment, one of four in which Evans is named. He also denied a plea for a postponement, requested on the ground that one of Evans' attorneys is now engaged in another case in federal court.

The charge on which Evans will go to trial is that he conspired with Rivers and O. G. Glover, former state supervisor of purchases, to defraud the state of "large sums of money"—the amount is not specified—by selling sand asphalt to the highway department in 1939 at controlled prices and without bona fide competitive bids.

Trial of Rivers, Glover, George C. Blount, former highway engineer; J. G. Glover, former state superintendent of convicts; D. B. Blalock, Atlanta road machinery dealer; W. W. Willis, former assistant state supervisor of purchases, and others was set for Monday. Although postponed, their cases were left on the court calendar and may be called at any time.

Birmingham Post
By United Press. Dec. 8, 1942

ATLANTA, Dec. 8.—Three men convicted in connection with the notorious East Point floggings here four years ago—a case which received national attention and resulted in the imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan ordering its members to discontinue using their masked costumes—had their freedom today.

Conditional pardons for the three men—Floyd I. Lee, W. T. Walton and George Cameron—were signed late yesterday by Gov. Eugene Talmadge. They were the last of more than a dozen men convicted in connection with the floggings in 1938 and 1939 to be freed.

An investigation of the beatings, launched in 1940 after the fatally beaten body of Ike Gaston, a barber, was found, had wide repercussions.

It resulted in grand jury indictment of 17 members of the East Point klan, and temporary suspension of the chapter's charter by the imperial wizard.

Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Talmadge Paroles Dan Eidson

Dan Eidson, the East Point flogger, is out of jail today, free to roam as long as he reports every two weeks during the next year to the Fulton county probation officer.

One of a group of East Point men convicted of flogging charges in May, 1940, Eidson was paroled yesterday by Governor Talmadge in the hurly-burly of a "clemency day" at the executive offices in the State Capitol.

"This will save the county money," said Governor Talmadge. "It costs money to keep a man in jail, and Eidson can now go to work for his wife and his children."

Governor Talmadge, in his executive order paroling Eidson emphasized that the East Point flogger had a good prison record and "it is demoralizing for a man to have to sit around a jail."

The Eidson conviction had brought upon him a \$1,000 fine, a 12-month term in a prison camp and six months in jail.

The Talmadge parole relieves him of the last six months of the sentence.

About six months ago, Eidson was one of the principals at a clemency hearing during which Governor Talmadge declared to a packed chamber:

"I got mixed up in a thing like that once myself."

Assistant Solicitor Dan Duke, of Fulton county, who opposed clemency for Eidson at the November hearing, had no comment on the parole yesterday.

The parole had been recommended to Governor Talmadge by the Parole Board.

Telegraph
Macon, Georgia

Such a World

Ku Klux Reported to Be Organizing Again To 'Help' Officers

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Hitler Gestapo and Hostage Murders no Worse Than Some of Crimes of the Klan

Mrs. Roosevelt Says Bitterness Must Be Prevented . . .

By W. T. Anderson

THE most disturbing and unfortunate news development of the past few days is the report that the old Macon Ku Klux Klan has been reorganized.

Some people join this organization on claim of its proponents that it is the method used by Southerners after the Civil War to stop crimes instigated by the camp followers, soldiers of fortune and carpetbaggers who came in here behind the federal army of those dark days.

NO such conditions exist today, nor do they threaten. We have efficient officers to run down criminals and preserve peace, our courts and juries are prompt and efficient, and the best people of both races are co-operative and deeply desirous of stopping and preventing crime.

Several years ago Macon and the nation had an orgy of Ku Klux work, Black Shirts, Silver Shirts, Supreme Kingdoms and what-not.

The plan of these secret orders, according to evidence adduced in that period of chaos, was to have a whipping squad in each order and members who believed any outside person was violating any of the rules and regulations of the order as to correct living, had only to make accusations, and without trial or hearing of the accused the whipping squad was sent after the accused, and he was left a victim of the cat-o'-nine-tails in the woods far from home and help.

There was no color line drawn

in the selection of victims. Several were so badly whipped they died.

* * *

HITLER and his famous butcher and Gestapo squad never committed greater outrages than were perpetrated in many places in this country, and especially right here in Macon and Atlanta—and Atlanta again only recently.

We shudder and say we are fighting this war that this Hitler "hostage" operation may be brought to an end—"hostage" meaning that where Hitler and his gang cannot find the perpetrator of an offense they take a hundred or more innocent people and shoot them as an act of terror.

We have seen mobs get started after an offender right here in Georgia and when they failed to locate the guilty one, they enlarged their attack to include a whole people—at witness the Atlanta riot against innocent Negroes many years ago.

THE devilry of this Ku Klux and kindred secret order business, is that in the Ku Klux trials in Macon several years ago it was claimed that where a modern Ku Kluxer is drawn into court on any basis, he automatically ceases to be a member of the Kluxers. And that when he finishes with the court, he is automatically reinstated in the lodge. The explanation of this was that the prosecution could not know which jurors were Kluxers, and one or more could get on the case of any accused Kluxer, and at least bring about a mistrial, and immunity from the law.

MRS. Franklin D. Roosevelt recently presented her racial views in an editorial in the New Republic, in which she said: "Here in our own country we have any number of attitudes which have become habits, and which constitute our approach to the Jewish people, the Japanese, Chinese, German, Italian, and above all, the Negro people in our midst. We cannot force people to accept friends for whom they have no liking, but living in a democracy it is entirely reasonable to demand that every citizen of that democracy enjoy the fundamental rights of a citizen, these being equality before the law, equality of education, EQUALITY TO HOLD A JOB ACCORDING TO HIS QUALIFICATION (but in present practice only if he is a member of a labor union?); equality of participation through the ballot in government. . . . But differences

there are and always will be, and that is why on both sides there must be tact and patience and an effort at real understanding."

"But above everything else," says Mrs. Roosevelt, "no action must be taken which can cause so much bitterness that the whole liberalizing effort may be set back over a period of many years."

THE last paragraph of Mrs. Roosevelt's pronouncement above is the Alpha and Omega of the South's attitude. Leading Southern Negroes do everything possible to promote the interests of their people and inspire them to become worthy citizens, and in this they have the sympathetic interest and help of the leading white people—but "above everything else no action must be taken which can cause so much bitterness that the whole liberalizing effort may be set back over a period of many years."

Rome was not built in a day, and no race of people on earth have made the progress in so short a time as the Negro in the South. It was the John Browns of the North who started the Civil War over the Negro, in violation of the United States Constitution, and it is the John Browns of the North today who refuse to permit time to provide the heaven that wipes out differences, and allow Southern Negroes and whites to do the job in their own good time and way. Meddling carpet-baggers can only precipitate hardships as they did in the sixties, by making conditions possible for which no prevention has ever been found. For God's sake, let us alone.

KKK Whip - Murderers Pardoned by Talmadge

N.Y., N.Y.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

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ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Again proving himself the darling of the hooded hoodlums, Georgia's lame-duck Governor Eugene Talmadge has pardoned three Ku Kluxers convicted of the fatal flogging of Ike Gaston, East Point barber in March, 1940.

Freed of charges that were upheld by the state court of appeals last November were Floyd I. Lee, W. T. Walton and George Cameron. Talmadge's action was "conditional" upon their compliance with all "local, state and federal laws," his secretary explained.

Lee was under a four-year term, Walton four and one-half and Cameron two. A total of 17 men were indicted in the flogging cases. Gaston's battered body, found in a section of timbered land, was the clue that led to the investigation.

Senator Brooks and the Klan

In our supplement, "A Congress to Win the War," we made the statement that Sen. C. Wayland "Curly" Brooks, Republican Senator from Illinois, spoke at Rockford, Illinois, "to 60,000 Klansmen." The Washington Times-Herald quotes Senator Brooks as denying that this is true. He says: "I spoke on that day to approximately 100,000 persons attending the annual Trask Ridge picnic."

If we have misinterpreted the political views of any of the persons at the picnic, we apologize. What Senator Brooks does say is that Ku Klux Klan itself evidently thought that this was an important meeting, from its point of view. Another speaker that day was J. A. Colescott, Imperial Wizard, as he remarks in a letter published in The American Mercury for April, 1942. And this is what The Fiery Cross, official organ of the Ku Klux Klan, had to say about that selfsame meeting:

Sixty Thousand Attend Meeting. Imperial Wizard Speaks in Illinois. Americanism Campaign Proves Success. Forces of Intolerance and Darkness are Defeated in Battle With Ku Klux Klan. Rockford Gathering Sets New High With James A. Colescott and Senator Brooks on Program.

Trace Klan Background In Detroit's Racial Strikes

By ROBERT A. CRUMP

DETROIT—(A N P)—Another flare-up, the fourth of its kind in the past several weeks where white defense workers refused to work by the side of Negroes placed on skilled jobs and caused work stoppage, happened at the Timken Gear and Axle plant here Tuesday. This, according to union officials, was an unauthorized, wildcat strike coming a month after it was known to the men that Negroes were to be placed on skilled jobs for which they are well qualified.

Timken officials pleaded with the men to continue work. But only after the lone Negro, Charles W. Johnson, who had been placed on a steam hammer forging parts was removed and the men go back to work. Johnson, who is chief steward in the CIO local at the plant, stood his ground and worked on for a time during the setdown despite many threats and gave up

only after international union officials and company officials promised that the whole affair would be straightened out in a few days.

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These frequent wildcat strikes happening in almost every plant when Negroes are placed on good jobs is believed to be caused by the infiltration of the KKK into the labor movement and bears out the published statement of the Civil Rights federation, whose pamphlet "Smash Detroit's Fifth Column," states in part:

"Early in May of 1941, Charlie Spare and several of his associates motored down to Atlanta to attend the Imperial Klonecilium, or annual convention, of the Ku Klux Klan. Important decisions were made at this meeting. One was that the Klan would immediately start to raise a million dollars for a giant nation-wide 'Americanization' program, with such innocuous slogans as 'unity' and 'Americanism' as its theme.

"Another was that the Klan would concentrate its activities in vital war industry and army camps.

A third was the juggling out of Detroit for special efforts."

JOIN UNIONS

The Civil Rights federation goes on to explain: "Instead of fighting the union openly, all Klansmen

were to join and work from within the UAW-CIO. A military style of organization was adopted. Klansmen in each factory department were to make up a 'squad' to be headed by a 'corporal.' Corporals were to report to a 'lieutenant' who was responsible for an entire division in a plant. Each industrial unit such as Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and Briggs, was to have a major in charge with a 'general' headup the entire works."

According to the Civil Rights federation, Klan officials—the name James A. Colescott being mentioned—gave the following instructions at this same meeting in May: "Klansmen must carry on an investigation of every man in the department of the plant where he works. This has to be carried through the entire state, yes, the entire nation. We must know his politics, his nationality, religion, what he thinks, or anything else connected with him.

"Classes were started for Klan members in parliamentary law, blue print reading and other subjects—knowledge for penetrating the unions. Going further the pamphlet issues this indictment: "....part of the Klan's program was a plan to establish working relationships with certain employers to assure Klansmen of key jobs."

INVESTIGATE TROUBLE

If this last statement is true it may answer in a measure for the hostile attitude on the part of some manufacturers and industrailists towards Negroes in many plants throughout the country when they apply for jobs as skilled workers.

It will be recalled that at the constitutional convention of Labor's Non-Partisan league (this league is supposed to be the political arm of labor) held in this city in June, the delegation representing various labor unions here voted down a resolution calling for an investiga-

tion of the Dies committee into fifth column activities in the various plants.

A meeting was held Sunday between Timken officials, international union officers and the entire local in the Timken plant in an effort to get to the bottom of present trouble and to lay plans leading to placing more Negroes, both men and women, on skilled jobs.

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Indiana Ku Kluxer

Seeking New Trial

NOBLESVILLE, IND., July 8.—(P)—Another petition for a writ of error coram nobis was filed today in circuit court in behalf of D. W. Stephenson, the former Indiana Ku Klux Klan grand dragon who is in State prison serving a life sentence. He was convicted here in 1925 in the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer of Indianapolis, a state-house employe.

The action filed today is the eleventh in Stephenson's long fight against his conviction.

The petition includes practically the same allegations made in other pleadings. Among them is the contention that Stephenson did not testify at his trial for fear of bodily harm. He alleges also a conspiracy by Ku Klux Klan leaders to obtain his conviction.

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Amsterdam News
New York, N. Y.

Rumor Monger MAR 21 1942 Scandalizes A K. K. K. Victim

Bartholemew, Falsely
Accused of Scurrilous
Letter to F. D. R.,
Refutes Charge
MAR 24 1942

Rumor circulated by a supposed friend of a former storekeeper gauger in New Orleans, O. A Bartholemew who was finally dismissed from the Civil Service post in New York on July 8, 1933, erroneously reported him in the last issue of the Star-News as having been interned due to a scurrilous and profane letter to President Roosevelt. The widely known politician who informed the press, declared that Mr. Bartholemew's whereabouts were unknown much to the concern of his family and friends. An investigator for the press was unable to find Mr. Bartholemew and the informant thought reliable was believed. All of his assertions were false.

Mr. Bartholemew had written the President as stated after the President's Fair Employment Practice Commission had stated their inability to help him get restored to the position he was framed out of. The letter, however, was couched in respectful terms. He had not been arrested or interned, nor had he been taken from his home at 2 St. Nicholas Terrace. Thus, the Star-News had been the innocent victim of a scandalous canard.

Mr. Bartholemew's record in his Federal positions both in New Orleans and in Porto Rico reads like that of a scapegoat in a Diamond Dick novel. In the honest pursuit of his duties, he was consistently and basely framed by fellow officials who acted in concert with grafters and colorphobes to get him out of his job. Photostatic copies of all these records are in his possession. The nearest Mr. Bartholemew ever came to a hearing on the injustice done him

was in Washington, D. C., May 8 to May 14, 1934. As a voluntary witness before the U. S. Senate Civil Service Committee on the reasons for the summary discharge of 1,800 employes in the old Bureau of Industrial Alcohol, he was in Washington with the thought that he might relate his case. On leaving the building he was seized, searched at the point of guns and taken in four agents' hands to the basement for questioning. He was unarmed. His companion, J. William Sheffer, editor of the Internal Revenue Revue was his savior on that occasion from being brutally handled. Mr. Bartholemew's records reveal that his official troubles were initiated by the Klan. His entire efforts have been concentrated on getting a review. The crooks formerly in office, fearful for their own protection have apparently been able to deny him the opportunity to get justice or a hearing.

LOUISIANA

Afro-American
Baltimore, Maryland

Work or--- Order Halts Klan Strike

FEB 14 1942

DETROIT (ANP) — "Pick up your tools and get to work — or get the hell out of this plant."

This brusque ultimatum on Monday ended three sit-down strikes, by which Ku Klux Klan influences in the United Automobile Workers' local sought in vain to prevent transfer of nineteen colored workers to defense production at the Chrysler Highland Park plant.

Order Backed Up

Backing the order were management, union officials, War Department and War Production Board representatives. The three strikes lasted a total of 2 hours and 20 minutes.

They occurred when J. Lawrence Duncan, field assistant in Dr. Robert C. Weaver's special WPD employment and training branch, insisted that colored, as well as white, boxers and loaders in the Dodge main plant be transferred to lend-lease work.

Other worker advancements have been promised.

Commercial Appeal Memphis, Tennessee

FORD THREATENS KLAN WITH ATTACK IN COURT

Hits AntiSemitic Literature Associated With Him

DETROIT, Feb. 1. — (UP) — Henry Ford has threatened the Ku Klux Klan with legal action if it does not stop publication and circulation of antiSemitic literature in association with his name, it was disclosed Saturday night by I. A. Capizzi, counsel for Mr. Ford. The warning was incorporated in

a letter to J. A. Colescott, Imperial Wizard of the Klan. It followed a statement issued by Mr. Ford Jan. 12 in which he condemned anti-Semitism and declared he did not "subscribe or support, directly or indirectly, any agitation which would promote antagonism against my Jewish fellow citizens."

At the same time Mr. Ford through Capizzi, asked the Mexican Government to co-operate in suppression of similar antiSemitic literature of which the pioneer automobile builder reportedly was described as "author."

In his letter to Colescott, Ford's legal representative asked that the Klan "desist from further publication and circulation of 'The International Jew' and also any reprints of other articles related to this matter that appeared in the Dearborn Independent."

The Dearborn Independent, formerly published by Mr. Ford, contained articles interpreted by many as antiSemitic. "The International Jew," Capizzi said, "recites that it is 'the first reprint of a series of articles appearing in the Dearborn Independent'."

"It is a malicious attempt to mislead the public into believing these articles were and still are an expression of Mr. Ford's opinions and sentiments, whereas, as you well know, Mr. Ford retracted these articles in 1928 and at that time disclaimed them as being an expression of his views and sentiments."

Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

Think Kluxers Started Riot

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Crosses Burned

On Housing Site

MAR 9 - 1942

WASHINGTON — (C) — Charges that the Ku Klux Klan inspired and organized last Saturday's race riot near the Sojourner Truth defense housing project in Detroit are being investigated by the Department of Justice, it was learned today.

This disclosure came as Federal housing officials met with Detroit representatives to restudy the question of whether the 200 family defense housing project should be devoted to Negro occupancy, as originally intended, or turned to white occupancy or some other use.

It was learned that Walter Hardin, international representative of the United Auto Workers (CIO) and Horace White, member of the Michigan State Assembly, both Negroes, have told the Department of

Justice that they can produce affidavits of persons who attended a Ku Klux Klan meeting last Friday night at which violent action was discussed to prevent Negroes from moving into the new dwellings.

Crosses were burned on the housing site on Friday night, and again on Sunday night, after the riot, according to members of a delegation which came here to urge vigorous Federal action. Saturday's riot occurred when the first Negro families attempted to move into the new defense housing project.

Leon Keyserling, acting commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority, in whose lap the whole dispute has been thrown, told members of the Detroit delegation that so far he has not changed the order making the home available for Negro families.

The Daily Worker
New York, N. Y.

CIO and AFL Leaders Urge U.S. Probe of 5th Columnists

MAR 5 - 1942

By William Allan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 4. — Detroit union leaders were unanimous here today in demanding an end to the disgraceful treatment to Negro defense workers and in condemning KKK violence against these workers when they sought to occupy the Sojourner Truth government built housing project.

Spokesmen for some of the largest AFL and CIO unions called upon Mayor Edward J. Jeffries and President Roosevelt to provide protection for Negro defense workers against any repetition of the physical attack last week by local police and Klansmen which occurred against several hundred Negro workers.

Echoing an outraged public opinion, which correctly saw in the whole affair a blow against national unity against the Axis, Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation for Labor today wired Mayor Jeffries:

"Common decency demands that you as the chief executive of this city furnish full and complete protection for those citizens who have been accepted as tenants for the Sojourner Truth Defense Housing Project."

"To allow mobs to take over and deny citizens the use of the streets and access to their homes, in a manner that has been done at the Sojourner Truth Project, is to serve notice on minority groups that there is no protection against mob rule."

"The whole problem at the Sojourner Truth Project could be solved by you and your housing commission asking the national housing authorities to acquire for future expansion of the Sojourner Truth Project all that land now right behind the Sojourner Truth Project and the Negro district, five blocks away. We therefore urge that this be done."

CIO OFFICIAL ENTERS PROTEST

August Scholle, State President of the Michigan CIO, speaking for 400,000 CIO members in the state issued this statement from Lansing:

"The CIO position on this matter has been established for some time. We do not change it. We are in full support that the Negro people,

be allowed to occupy the project built for them by the Federal Housing Authority.

"It is the duty of the authorities to protect the lives and welfare of the people. That must be done in the Sojourner Truth Housing Project. That is the CIO's position. We will not change on this issue."

Speaking for 22 locals of the State, County and Municipal Workers Union, CIO, in Michigan, five organizers and the Regional Director Robert Weinstein today issued the following statement:

"The Ku Klux Klan attack upon the Negro defense workers in Detroit, the burning of the cross before the Sojourner Truth Housing Project, is a crime against the national effort to smash Hitlerism. This crime was not perpetrated by Detroit citizens, but by a pack of appeasers and fifth columnists who would like to see the swastika flying over Detroit."

URGES CRUSHING OF KLAN

"Both the State and National governments should be called upon to take all measures necessary to disband the Ku Klux Klan. Crush this fifth column activity and uphold the rights of the Negro people. That is the position of 6,000 Negro and white union members of the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO."

Signers were Robert Weinstein, Regional Director; Yale Stewart, Foss Baker, Larry Blythe, Mort Furay, Joseph Hayden, Organizers.

Louis Fabian, active leader of the Painters Union Local 37, AFL, said:

"Rank and file AFLers fully agree with the stand of the Wayne County Federation of Labor and Frank X. Martel that this project belongs to the Negro people for whom it was built. United labor in the first place won this project for the Negro people, maintained it when pressure groups wearing night shirts sought

to have it changed. Again united given full protection to move irhome, who occupied the second labor must throw its weight into to this project and live in peace floor, because the white family this struggle and see that the KKK Labor guarantees that." 1942 living on the first floor had re does not win. Roy Lancaster and Frank Ingrain fused to move after their thirty

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UAW, Nat Ganiey, business agent; ers Union, CIO, declared:
Walter Fleek, financial secretary, "The wavering course that the federal government has already taken with regard to the Sojourner

"We declare that this attack upon Truth Project under pressure of the Negro defense workers at the So- fifth column appeasers in Wash- Journer Truth Project, is a blow ington and Detroit aided and abetted this latest outrage. This against national unity in this city striving to produce the planes, tanks could be living proof that you cannot appease these enemies of the people and national unity. The of technique that is now being em- present situation calls for the strong- ployed by this crew of fifth est measures by all true friends of columnists." the Negro people. . . ."

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on the part of the forces of law New York, N. Y.
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ism.
"We are assigning a special committee of our members to do all in their power to aid this fight for making democracy work, right here in the city that is building the weapons to keep democracy alive. We think that all local unions should assign a special committee to co-operate with the citizens committee now doing such splendid work."

John Marmon, president of United Rubber Workers Union, Local 101 CIO; Alfreda Bush, financial secretary and Ivan Noel, international representative, declared in a statement to the Daily Worker:

"Our union stands 100 per cent behind the people's struggle for the Negro defense workers—no compromise on this issue or Hitler will rejoice."

Plymouth Local 51, of the UAW CIO today through their president, C. E. Edelen said:

"If public officials such as Mayor Jeffries, so-called 'labor' Housing Commissioner Charles Edgecombe and Police Commissioner Eaman have reached the stage that a small gang of Negro-baiting fifth columnists have made them change their positions on the Sojourner Truth Housing Project, disregarding the stand of labor, then it's time to get really alarmed."

"Labor cannot tolerate a situation where mob rule will deny the rights of the people. If city officials have no backbone or have concealed sympathy with mob rule, then it is high time that the federal government and President Roosevelt act in the interests of the nation. The Negro people shall let

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New York, N. Y.

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New York, N. Y.

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THE KU KLUX KLAN, which burned fiery crosses at the Detroit race riots last week, is reorganizing its combat units, known as the "Faithful Fifties."

MAR 28 1942
Brother of Treacherous Polish Congressman Now Acting Mayor

(Special to Amsterdam Star-News)

DETROIT—The mob violence which flared into pitched battles between colored and whites, February 28, when colored families attempted to occupy the Sojourner Truth Federal homes, was renewed in another section of the city Tuesday night, when a mob of more than 100 whites gathered in front of the recently purchased home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Hagans, 5599 Allendale St., and demanded that they "get out at once," as colored people would not be allowed to live in that section of the city.

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In the meantime, while this group of Ku Kluxers were attempting to frighten this colored family from their home, a group of outstanding civic and religious leaders of both races were in conference in a city-wide mass meeting at Central Methodist Church, (white) called by the pastor, Dr. Hitt Crane, for the purpose of organizing an interracial committee to assist in solving the problem of getting colored families into the Sojourner Truth homes without further violence between the

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Klan and Politician

It was a few minutes after 8 P. M., when a Klansman rang the doorbell of the Hagans' family

Klan Leads Fight Against Workers In Auto Industry

DETROIT, Mich. (ANP)—The revived Ku Klux Klan in the Detroit area is more than likely to halt the integration of Negro workers into defense employment in this automotive and aircraft engine center, unless drastic, firm and immediate action is taken soon by R. J. Thomas and other officials of the United Automobile Workers of the CIO.

This important question, which was overshadowed by the captive coal mines and other issues at the CIO convention last week, has become so important in the last few weeks that it may decide the future of Negro workers in the UAW and the whole CIO.

KLAN STRONGHOLD

The Klan issue came into the open here recently when more than 300 CIO polishers staged a 30-minute sitdown strike in the Packard Motor company plant here because two Negro polishers, experienced workers, were transferred from non-defense to defense work. Although the Negroes were veteran Packard employees and good union men who had been working side by side with white polishers on non-defense work for several years, the sitdown strike continued until the Negroes were removed from defense work.

The Packard plant is regarded here as one of the strongholds of the revived Ku Klux Klan, whose Grand Imperial Wizard Colescott announced recently that he had several thousand members of his organization boring from within in the UAW.

NAME COMMITTEE

In an effort to combat the activities of the Klan and other anti-Negro groups, the UAW executive board recently established an interracial committee, composed of six Negro and four white international officials, to combat discrimination in the union. Plant interracial committees were established in each local union where Negroes and whites were employed.

The sitdown strike at Packard has become the first big case which the international interracial committee will tackle. Although the sitdown strike oc-

curred several weeks ago, the matter was only referred to the interracial committee just before the CIO convention opened.

Opponents of anti-Negro factions in the CIO charge that this delay was occasioned by Communist Party and party-line officials in the Packard local. According to these critics, the Packard local is one of the last remaining locals, whose officers follow the Communist Party line. This criticism has also been made of several leading Negro sub-officials in the local.

REFUSED JOBS

Therefore, it is charged, the party-line followers refused to take a firm stand on the Klan inspired sit-down strike for fear that the Klansmen would band together to defeat the present officers in the coming February elections. This charge is supported somewhat by the refusal of the officers of the local to put the two Negro polishers back on defense work after the whole membership of the local voted on Nov. 9 that all workers should be transferred from non-defense to defense work in Packard's plant on a strict basis of seniority. The officials of Packard Local 190 are Klan and the suppressed Black Legion. The Hudson Motors plant, for instance, is reported to have more than 600 Klansmen in the CIO local there. In at least a half a dozen defense plants in this area, Klansmen have written signs in the washrooms and scattered KKK literature around the plants.

7 POINT PROGRAM

Officials of the CIO-UAW are cognizant of the Klan issue and its threat to its program of non-discrimination against Negro members. The executive board not only established the interracial committee recently, but also established a seven point program for the settlement of all grievances growing out of discrimination.

Unless this machinery is actually put to work and the officials from R. J. Thomas down support it fully, the UAW may be forced to bear the stigma for the first open and widespread repudiation of the CIO's stand on the race question.

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia

Difficulties To Be Composed Director Says

Ku Klux Klan Is Blamed for Riot; Police on Guard

DETROIT—(S. N. S.)—Sojourner Truth ((colored housing project) was planned for Negro occupancy and the decision to that end is still in effect," John B. Blanford, Jr., administrator of the new National Housing Agency, said Saturday following conferences with Mayor Edward J. Jeffries and other federal housing officials.

Several colored and white persons were hurt Saturday a week ago during a riot which was started by white pickets when colored families attempted to occupy Sojourner Truth apartments.

There has been a long controversy over which race should occupy the project, originally built for Negroes.

ISSUES STATEMENT

In pointing out that Sojourner Truth was planned for Negro occupancy, Mr. Blanford said:

"Obviously, it is our desire that such occupancy take place under the most favorable conditions. To this end, the National Housing Agency recognizes its responsibility and will take the necessary steps to compose existing difficulties.

"We are at war. This is a war housing project. In permitting their emotions to take command, both sides in this controversy have lost sight of that fact for the moment. I am sure the patriotism of these citizens of Detroit will assert itself and that peaceful counsels will bring a speedy end to a controversy that can have

broad implications if continued. "Detroit is making too important a contribution to our war effort to have its attention so diverted." MAR 8 - 1942

TWO PICKET LINES

Both camps are busily engaged in pursuing their efforts to win out in the struggle. A picket line of white objectors to Negro tenancy continued to march up and down in front of the project, while Negroes are continuing to marshal their forces and gathering money to pay fines for defenders of their homes who were arrested in the fracas. It was said that some 215 persons were arrested, with only two of this number being white. Few were released, but others were held under heavy bond.

A detail of 100 policemen has been thrown around the project in a section of about a mile square. All traffic—pedestrian as well as vehicular—is being detoured. A few minor skirmishes involving two or three persons were reported and the police made only four arrests.

All persons injured, including three policemen and several women, have been released from the hospitals. Police records show 17 hospitalized cases, but may other persons were known to have received medical attention. According to Inspector George B. McLelland, of special investigation squad, all riot prisoners will be brought to court soon. He also stated there were six arrests for felonious assault, 23 for carrying concealed weapons and 75 for inciting to riot.

TRUCE DECLARED

The riotous flare-up came when three Negro families attempted to move into the \$1,000,000 structure, designated for them by federal housing authorities who twice changed their stand last Saturday morning. Klu Klux Klansman led the riot, in which police joined to keep Negroes out. While no fire-arms were brought into play, some were in evidence in cars belonging to Negroes.

A truce was finally declared when Mayor Jeffries sent word to withhold everything until things could be peacefully settled. The loaded furniture vans were turned away despite the fact that proposed occupants had paid the rents and had certified orders to move in.

It was the consensus of opinion that if police had performed their duty, an officer would have been placed on each van, and a way cleared through the mob, but the excuse given by the mayor and police commissioner was that they feared for the safety of Negroes once they were in the project.

Buehrle Gets Ousted For Klan Activity

Frank Buehrle, found guilty of circulating false documents and tried by his local on evidence to the effect that he was a leader of the Ku Klux Klan element at the Packard plant, was suspended from all union activity for the next ten years by Packard Local 190, UAW-CIO, Sunday.

Reporting to a meeting of more than 700 local members, a seven-man trial board found Buehrle guilty of leading a Klan faction in the local and using false propaganda against Curt Murdock, the local president.

The charges against Buehrle were brought up after Murdock's election as president of the local. The charges stated that Buehrle had circulated leaflets during the campaign which accused Murdock of being a member of the Klan. Murdock accused Buehrle of violating the union laws by slandering him and using typical Nazi tactics to sabotage the union's defense program.

Klan Hindered Negroes

The Klan faction, led by Buehrle, had long been accused of preventing the employment of Negroes at skilled trades in the Packard plant. Buehrle is said to have organized "sit down" strikes when Negroes were placed in certain departments. The hiring of two Negro war workers at the plant last week came after Buehrle and his followers were exposed as the element which prevented their employment five months ago.

Kansas City Call
Kansas City, Mo.

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KKK TERRORISM

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Maurice Sugar, General Counsel for the United Auto Workers (CIO) and chairman of the Guild's committee, told the Attorney General that Detroit police hurled tear gas

into the ranks of the Negroes from the side of the street occupied by the pickets. Police made no attempt to disturb the picket line, he charged.

Of the 109 persons arrested as a result of the fracas 107 were Negroes, Sugar reported. The 25 cases tried so far all have resulted in an acquittal.

Dean William Taylor of the Law School of Lincoln University in St. Louis, a member of the Guild Committee, told Biddle and Blandford that the affair has stirred tremendous discussion among the Negro people of the nation and that Axis agents are making great use of the affair.

Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Hunt Down KKK In Strike Case

Thousands Quit
At Hudson Plant;
Find Klan At Work

DETROIT, Mich. — With the arrest of the ringleaders involved in the strike at the Hudson No. 1 Ordnance Arsenal here last Thursday when eight colored men, by virtue of their union seniority, were placed on machines formerly operated by whites, complete order was restored at the huge government plant Monday with the colored men still at their machines, and Naval Intelligence officers on the trail of Ku Klux Klan operations at the plant, believed to be the cause of the trouble.

The several thousand strikers were members of the United Automobile Workers-CIO and the

walkout shut down 60 per cent of the arsenal. Production ceased Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECRETARY KNOX WIRES

Informed of the trouble, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox wired a plainly stated warning to the men of the danger of their action.

Concurring with Secretary Knox, R. J. Thomas, president of the union, also wired Al Germain, president of the Hudson local, to tell the strikers that they would be expelled from the union unless they returned to work at once, then flew here from Washington.

Upon receipt of the warnings the strike was called off after lasting seven hours. The men had refused to work despite the urgings of local union officials. But the afternoon shift went to work as usual.

WITHOUT SANCTION

In his telegram to Captain A. S. Wotherspoon, the naval officer in charge of the plant, Secretary Knox declared that the walkout was in direct violation of President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 8802 and was "known to be without sanction of national and local union officers."

"This plant is engaged solely in vital war production, is entirely owned by the government which bears all operating costs, and has been designated as a military reservation," he continued.

"Under such circumstances the refusal to continue normal work warrants assumption the men are disloyal and not only are subject to immediate dismissal, but may be prevented from obtaining employment in other industrial establishments engaged in war work.

"Immediate resumption of work is therefore imperative."

No less outspoken was Mr. Thomas in his message to the striking workers.

CALL STRIKE "SABOTAGE"

"This walkout is a flagrant violation of the constitution of the U. A. W.-C. I. O.," his telegram stated.

"More than that, it amounts to sabotage of our

war effort and plays into the hands of the enemies of our nation.

labor groups for the purpose of disrupting them over the color question.

According to information given out by naval officers, the Klan angle will be thoroughly investigated with a view to wiping it out completely.

A total of 24 colored men are employed at the Hudson plant, making of the eight as machine

This evidence verified a report last fall that certain large firms, in an effort to weaken CIO unions, had succeeded in getting Ku Klux

The U. A. W.-C. I. O. constitution has been violated by a playing of vicious race prejudice. Our constitution provides for safeguarding the rights of all our members, irrespective of their race or creed.

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Hunt Down KKK in Strike Case Thousands Quit At Hudson Plant; Find Klan At Work DETROIT, Mich. — With

into the ranks of the Negroes from the side of the street occupied by the pickets. Police made no attempt to disturb the picket line, he charged.

Of the 108 persons arrested as a result of the fracas 107 were wired a plainly stated warning to Negroes, Sugar reported. The 25th cases tried so far all have resulted in an acquittal.

Dean William Taylor of the Law School of Lincoln University in St. Louis, a member of the Guild Committee, told Biddle and Blandford that the affair has stirred tremendous discussion among the Negro people of the nation and that Axis agents are making great use of the affair.

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Upon receipt of the warning the strike was called off after lasting seven hours. The men had refused to work despite the urgings of local union officials. But the afternoon shift went to work as usual.

WITHOUT SANCTION In his telegram to Captain A. S. Wotherspoon, the naval officer in charge of the plant, Secretary Knox declared that the walkout was in direct violation of President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 8802 and was "known to be without sanction of national and local union officers."

"This plant is engaged solely in vital war production, is entirely owned by the government which bears all operating costs, and has been designated as a military reservation," he continued.

"Under such circumstances the refusal to continue normal work warrants assumption that the men are disloyal and not only are subject to immediate dismissal, but may be prevented from obtaining employment in other industrial establishments engaged in war work.

"Immediate resumption of work is therefore imperative." No less outspoken was Mr. Thomas in his message to the striking workers.

"This walkout is a flagrant violation of the constitution of the U. A. W.-C. I. O.," his telegram stated.

"More than that, it amounts to sabotage of our war effort and plays into the hands of the enemies of our nation."

"The U. A. W.-C. I. O. constitution has been violated by a display of vicious race prejudice. Our constitution provides for safeguarding the rights of all our members, irrespective of their race or creed."

The arrests were made after extensive investigations by the

naval officers. The evidence uncovered by them showed that the Ku Klux Klan was operating to frustrate the government's program of national defense by stirring up race prejudice among the workers.

This evidence verified a report last fall that certain large firms, in an effort to weaken CIO unions, had succeeded in getting Ku Klux

Klansmen into these labor groups for the undercover purpose of disrupting them over the color question.

According to information given out by naval officers, the Klan angle will be thoroughly investigated with a view to wiping it out completely.

A total of 24 colored men are employed at the Hudson plant, placing of the eight as machine

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KKK Threatens Long Island Residents

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FOREST HILL, LI

- Ku Klux Klan threats are being issued to future residents of this city and a real estate broker. The reason is a desire to keep Negroes from living in an all-white section just off Grand Central Park Way. But the Negroes refuse to be frightened and will move in.

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Hugo R. Heydorn, real estate broker, 170-02 111 ave, Jamaica, was given instruction to sell the property "only to Negroes." This information came from the owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Quigley, white, Needham Hall, Leesbury, Fla.

Heydorn found a purchaser in Charles Bowen, 403 W 148 st, NYC, who looked over the house Labor Day. The two returned with the Bowen family September 15 to give the house another inspection before moving in.

As they reached the house, 97-27 77 Drive, several crude signs tacked on the doors and pasted on windows read:

● "Get out of this HOUSE. . . . KKK." SEP 26 1942

● "Move Out or ELSE. . . . KKK."

● "I advise you to move or else I warned you. . . . KKK."

● "Go way or your life will be full of TROUBLES. . . . KKK."

In addition to the KKK-signed threats on the house, Heydorn is receiving threatening phone calls.

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Proof of KKK Tie too Strong, It Declares

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Rep. Eliot Repeats Charge of Intrigue with KKK Leaders

AKRON, Ohio, March 29.—The Akron Beacon-Journal, which, until now, has supported the unsavory activities of the Dies Committee, indicated in an editorial last Wednesday a reversal of its position as a result of the proved connection between Dies and the K.K.K.

The full text of the Beacon's editorial follows:

"Representative Eliot of Massachusetts thinks the Dies committee and the Ku Klux Klan are too intimate for the former to be true to its name, a committee investigating un-American activities. Like most thoughtful Americans, Eliot feels that the Klan is un-American and therefore that tolerating the Klan is equivalent to condoning subversive activities.

As proof of his contention that the Dies committee and the muslim fraternity are unduly friendly, Eliot declares that James J. Colescott, imperial wizard of the Klan, appeared voluntarily before the Dies committee. Within a few hours, according to Eliot, Chairman Dies announced an intention to "investigate" the Klan and Wizard Colescott broadcast an appeal for support of a resolution extending the life of the Dies committee.

Representative Eliot puts these facts together and finds that they add up to a scheme on Dies' part to whitewash the Kluxers. We don't see how he could have got any other meaning from his evidence.

against Martin Dies and his un-American committee was continued here Friday night by Congressman Thomas H. Eliot, who with Vito Marcantonio, led the anti-Dies attack in the House recently when the poll-tax Congressman from Texas asked the government to subsidize his subversive activities for another year.

Speaking before 2,000 guests at the 23rd annual dinner of the Boston Branch of the NAACP in Horticultural Hall, Mr. Eliot linked Dies with the inner circle of the Ku Klux Klan. The Dies Committee, he said, has been endorsed by "The Fiery Cross," official organ of that terroristic outfit, declaring that Dies had been "closeted" with the Klan's Imperial Wizard shortly before.

Mr. Eliot urged an all-out effort to defeat the poll tax as a method of defeating Martin Dies. Governor Saltonstall, also a speaker at the dinner, recalled that he had issued a statement asking employers to discontinue Negro discrimination in the employment of workers.

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Ask Philadelphia Probe KKK Attack

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Negro Family Fired on, Terrorized; Citizens Call on City to Act

(Special to the Sunday Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, March 21. — Aroused over the dangerous new campaign against Negro rights in Philadelphia, progressives here stepped forward this week to expose the appeasement element behind the recent attacks upon Negroes.

Magistrate Henry and E. Washington Rhodes, publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune, have indicated that they will seek legal action against the persons responsible for a Ku Klux attack upon Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green, who were fired upon and had their home demolished by a gang of hoodlums last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, who had rented a new home and were preparing to move into it, were subjected to threats from reactionaries in the neighborhood as well as from persons who came there from outside to warn them that they would "not be allowed to stay there and ruin a good neighborhood."

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Thirty shots were fired through their windows, stink bombs were tossed in and the entire house was plastered with paint by hoodlums who came there to drive them away.

The police station officials at 8th and Jefferson listened indifferently when appealed to for protection by the Greens, it was related. To date no arrests have been made at all, although the attack is nearly a week old.

The 8th Street and Jefferson police station, incidentally, is the same one whose personnel has so adequately assisted the anti-Negro terrorists in recent years. Following the last election, the police swept through the neighborhood, making 500 Negro arrests with no excuse whatsoever.

Among the individuals and organizations who have undertaken the campaign to drive into the open the instigators of this new attack upon Negroes (whose result can only be to drive a wedge between the people of Philadelphia and seriously hinder the war effort and feeling) are Dr. John Rice, of the North Philadelphia Civic League; the Civil Liberties Committee of the Christ Perry Lodge of the Elks, and the Communist Party of Philadelphia.

It was pointed out that the attack took place the day after President Roosevelt's address to the Economics Club in which he stated that the greatest weapon of the Axis powers is their propaganda to disunite the American people.

An immediate investigation by the City Council and the arrest of those responsible was demanded by the defense committee, which urged that protests be sent to Mayor Samuel, Director of Public Safety Malone, and City Councilmen Fred-eric Garman and Louis Schwartz.

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The Klan To Ride Again?

In Charleston, a colored man overheard his boss and friends talking about what the Ku Klux Klan hopes to do in the state before the year ends. It seems that the recent Klan meeting in Charleston, at which Colescott spoke, was politically inspired. According to the informant the Klan plans to ride hard in South Carolina and in the low country with official approval. APR 14 1942

Probably the Klan can clean up the state. This shall be good and welcomed. But there is no fear of the Klan among Negroes. Negroes have ceased to believe in ghosts.

—Lighthouse and Informer, Columbia, S. C.